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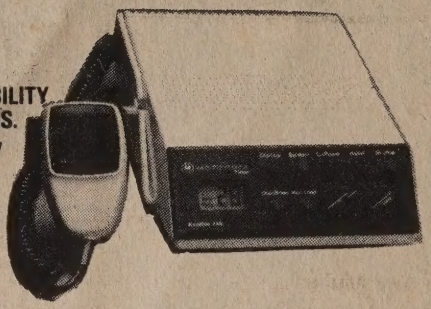

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Need more info? Call Mr. Frankel, any business day, 9:30 to 4:30, 212-868-8853, or write to him at the Club.

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CLUB NEWS

HIGH & DRY FISHING CLUB AWARDS

On December 16, the Second Annual Awards Dinner of the High & Dry Fishing Club was held. At that time, plaques were awarded to anglers who posted the largest fish in the following categories:

Blackfish: 3 lbs. 7 oz.—John Vesik; **Bluefish:** 16 lbs. 8 oz.—Jack Hasselbring; **Fluke:** 4 lbs. 7 oz.—Lou Angelone, and **Weakfish:** 10 lbs. 6 oz.—Pete McCloat.

A plaque was also presented for the Fisherman of the Year, an award determined by an individual's performance throughout the fishing season. The winner was Jack Hasselbring.

CLUB ELECTIONS

The Nor-West Fishing Club of Long Island recently held their annual

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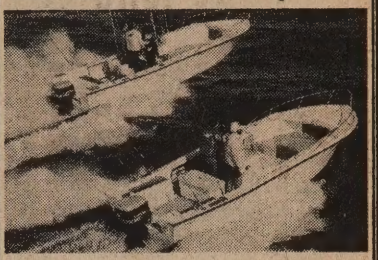

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elections. The results were: Billy Lomnicki—President; Dave Smith—Vice President; Earl Theodorsen—Treas.; Billy Kraynak—Sec'y.; Chip Albion—Contest Chairman, and Joe Albini—entertainment chairman.

We would like to thank our 1978 officers for a job well done; and we again in 1979 continue our aim toward the conservation of game fishing.

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"SALTY" FLYRODDERS HOLD FREE CLINIC IN '79

"Salty" Flyrodders of New York will hold a "Free" 1979 Open House Clinic for interested saltwater fly fishermen.

During the regular club meetings January 8, February 5, and March 5, 1979, the Clinic will feature (concurrently) fly tying, fly casting instruction and fly line, leader preparation. A related movie or slide show will be shown at the conclusion of each meeting. Refreshments will also be available. The meetings will take place 8PM, at Grace Lutheran Church, 31-20 21st Ave., Astoria, Queens.

STRIPERS UNLIMITED

The Regional Advisory Citizens' Committee on Striped Bass, representing 11 states from Maine to North Carolina, met in Boston recently and agreed unanimously on two important tools for reducing mortality on the rapidly declining stocks. The two tools recommended are a four fish per angler per day bag limit and a legal minimum size length of twenty-four inches. These recommended changes would affect only the recreational coastal angler at present. At its next meeting, the Regional Committee hopes to address commercial fishermen and bay fisheries.

It is expected that the bag and size limits will prevent the overharvesting of the large brood fish and protect the smaller female bass for at least one year on the spawning grounds.

These recommendations were the result of guidelines presented to the Citizens' Committee by the Scientific and Statistical Committee, which is made up of biologists from the 11 states involved in the Federal/State Compact program. Declining catch statistics, loss of habitat, pollution of the striped bass environment and lack of a dominant year class since 1970 were given as reasons for seeking reduced mortality on the striper stocks. The guidelines, set in general terms, suggested means of accomplishing reduced mortality by size limits, bag limits seasons, gear, etc., and left it to the Citizens' Committee to set specific numbers to the general outline.

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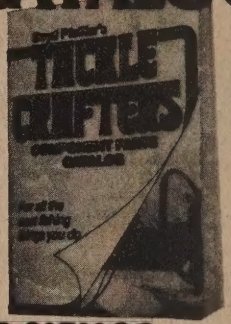

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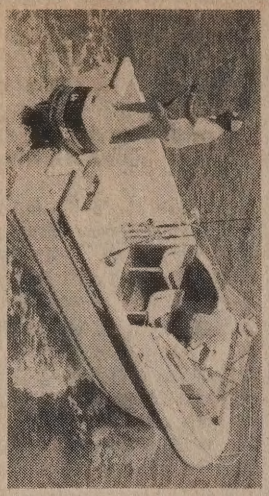

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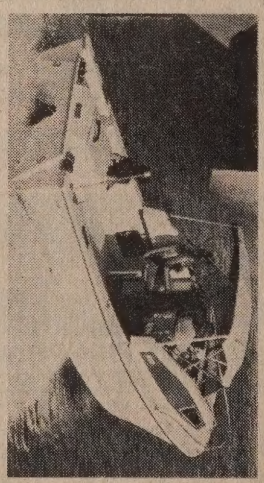

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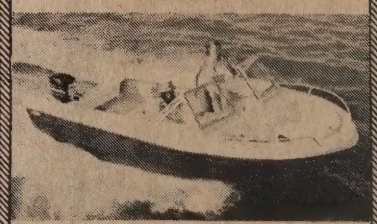

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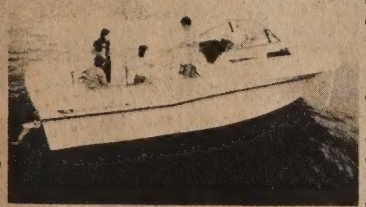

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Massachusetts and New Jersey, through their state committees, have already moved to have these recommendations implemented. Connecticut has discussed the limits with their state people and say the four fish per angler per day has a chance of being accepted. Rhode Island has made no commitment because their fishing community is seeking further specific statistics on the decline in stocks before allowing action to be taken. New York will probably take no action this year due to their problem with the commercial fishermen in that state. Commercial netters refuse to sit down and talk with the Committee. Delaware is awaiting action by other states before taking action of their own as striped bass are not an important fishery in that State. Maine will take no action due to a lack of striped bass in their waters. New Hampshire's Committee seems to be inactive, at present. Maryland and Virginia have been active in seeking solutions to the special problems in their States which involve Chesapeake Bay, the critical spawning and nursery area for the striped bass which migrate along the northeast coast.

Maryland Sea Grant, under Dr. Rita Colwell, has offered $10,000 for a study of striped bass eggs and larvae during the next spawning season, if matching funds can be found. Each State agreed to seek $1000 to match the Sea Grant commitment.

Mike Leverone, Project Manager for the striped bass program, feels that the preparation of a management plan will be a very long process, with a preliminary draft taking up to 18 months and a final draft taking up to 3½ years beyond that point. The recently completed lobster plan undertaken by the Federal/State group was begun in 1972 and is not implemented.

Interim regulations, on a flexible basis, therefore assume greater importance if the stocks are to be preserved.

THREE PERCENT TAX PROPOSED BY FISHING GROUP

Recreational fishing interests are contemplating presenting legislation to increase the tax monies directed to the Dingell-Johnson Fund, which supports Federal and State recreational fishing programs. A draft proposal, in bill form, is currently circulating in various fishing interest quarters.

A group unofficially known as the Federation of Fishing Organizations (FFO), headed by Ray Scott of Bass Anglers Sportsmen Society (BASS), has emerged as proponent of the draft proposal. Currently there are at least twelve members of FFO.

The proposal would amend 16 USC 777B, "An Act to provide that the United States shall aid States in fish restoration and management projects ...", by extending the present

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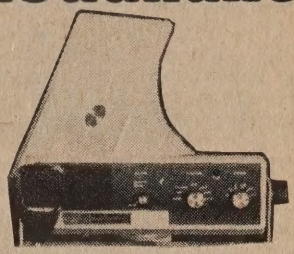

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A DAY OF TRAGEDY

Sunday. May 3, 1936. Time: approximately 2PM. Scene: the Subway Grounds, south of Ambrose Lightship, plus a dozen or so small fishing boats anchored in dense fog. Climax: a day that ended in death, destruction, and misery. A day that ended with chilling and haunting memories, never to be erased in this lifetime.

Nearly forty-three years have passed since this witnessing of the smashing and grinding into oblivion of the popular Sheepshead Bay party boat MJR III, yet the memory is so vivid, it seems like yesterday. For years, dream-repetitions of the horrifying scene brought me full awake in my bed; but fortunately time has worked its soothing miracle, and these nightmares are becoming less and less frequent. But never a May Third passes that I don't remember, stop whatever I'm doing, and say a silent prayer for those unfortunate fishermen who never returned to their loved ones.

I was one of the mates on the Rose R II out of Canarsie at the time and up until then, fog had never unduly impressed me. There was always danger involved if you didn't watch your step; but with a skipper like Dick Persson at the wheel, you didn't much concern yourself. I had seen him perform feats of pure legerdemain on fog-shrouded days, slowly picking his way from buoy to buoy, never missing, always bringing them up dead center, fine on the bow. (There was no radar or other electronic aids those days.) Who cared how thick the fog, or how thick the snow.

Who worried about inclement weather? It took a living gale to stop a guy from fishing in those days. If the skippers were willing to leave, he was going along. Get those fish, and hang the weather.

So it was not surprising to see that even a week's duration of fog had not cut down the amount of fishermen aboard that fateful day. We had about forty-five; Captain Jack on the Pioneer II a like amount, and the Tambo II perhaps a few less. Off we went to wherever each boat's skipper thought fishing was best, fog horns sounding at prescribed intervals.

We had selected the Subway Grounds and arrived without difficulty, and nested among several boats from Sheepshead Bay. Though these boats were anchored no more than one or two hundred feet from us, they were invisible, and because of the queer acoustics of fog, we could plainly hear voices about us laughing and joking throughout the day, and on occasion, someone calling for the gaff as some lucky fisherman hooked into a cod or hake.

And so the peaceful day went—until about one o'clock, when from the south and west came the heavy whooping of a large ship's foghorn. Liner or freighter, for sure, cautiously plodding along, no doubt trying to get a fix on the Ambrose Lightship. But I remember thinking: what is she doing to the south and west? Then I recalled the old red Scotland Lightship. Sure, that was it. She was trying to pick up Scotland. Probably some ship returning from her South American run. Everything okay.

Or was it ...?

As the minutes passed, the horn became progressively louder, but now it came from the south and east—or so it seemed. Were there two ships? Or was it a trick of the fog?

By now even the novice was aware possible danger existed. I could no longer hear the happy-go-lucky chatter of close-by fishermen. In its place came the repeated, now anxious, bell-ringing of ships at anchor. I placed my rod aside as Captain Dick motioned for his mates to get up on the bow. He cautioned our passengers to remain silent, to make not a sound.

We stood on the bow. We strained our ears; we listened. We willed our eyes to pierce the fog, but except for the gentle lapping of the sea against the hull and the continuous ding-ding of the warning bells about us, nothing was seen or heard. Where was it? That ship was certainly out there. But where?

Then someone, a passenger I think, said: "I hear something."

Lead-footed, anxious seconds passed. Then I heard it too. The chonking of a propeller, the slushing sound of a bow wave being pushed forward under tremendous pressure. Then the errant ship's horn blasted out a mighty roar. I felt the sound's vibrations strike. The poor little Rose R II shivered under the blast. I looked to port.

And there it was!

The force of the ship's approach had opened a hole in the fog. A bright sun streamed through as if begging forgiveness for something it couldn't help. I looked straight up—not out. The immense black bow filled all the area my eyes could take in. The white bridge glared in the sunlight. White-capped ship's officers attired in brass-buttoned blue jackets scurried back and forth, evidently giving emergency orders to the engine room.

Nearby someone cried out "Jesus Christ!" It wasn't meant to be blasphemy—of that I'm sure. It was pure heart-rending agony.

I don't know if those officers saw us first, or if the ship was already making a swing away, but she skirted past, rocking us mightily with her bow wave. And there directly in her path lay the anchored MJR III.

Everyone's luck had run out.

I saw what occurred as plainly as you can see the words on this page.

An instant before she struck, every man aboard the MJR III gave out one last shout, completely in unison as if from one gigantic throat: "Oh-h-h!" Then came the terrible slashing sound of ripping metal on splintering wood. That sound has stayed with me all these long years. If you have ever mashed a wooden crate with your foot, you will recall the sound. Magnify it a thousand-fold.

The ship seemed only to push the MJR aside, and I remember saying to myself (damn fool that I was), "why she only pushed her aside." There was immediate silence as the ship continued on, drawing the fog down and around us again.

Again we were immersed in that gray blanket.

And then all hell broke loose as the huge ship sent out blast after blast from her horn. As each party boat recovered from the shock, she added her horn to the din.

"Get the hook up, boys!" Captain Dick shouted from the pilot house. "Get the hook up!"

In those days few party boats, except large ones like the steam yachts Au Revoir and Sylph, had an anchor winch on the bow. All our anchor raising was done by brawn and muscle. We freed the hook in record time, but became snagged on some obstruction about ten or fifteen feet above bottom. To this day I don't know what it was, but someone has since told me the old Atlantic cable runs through that area. Perhaps.

But anyway, we did work it free just at the same time we made the decision to cut. We picked our way slowly among the converging party boats and immediately began to see wreckage in the form of ripped timbers, splintered planking, and torn-out buoyancy tanks. Then came the victims. Most were dazed, some were swimming, and some unfortunately were in the process of drowning. Those more fortunate had gripped buoyancy tanks and were holding on for dear life.

I spotted a circular life preserver and gaffed it aboard. "S. S. Angelina—Bull Line" was stenciled in black letters against the snow-white background. Someone aboard her had tossed it overboard in a desperate effort to help.

Because we had lost precious time with the fouled anchor, most of the shipwrecked passengers were already

removed from the water by the half-dozen or so party boats that had reached the area before us. We did lift ten or so half-drowned victims aboard the Rose R II, and some were in none too good a shape.

In the midst of this hell, the Angelina returned to the scene, her reversing engine jockeying for position, but there was nothing she could do, as by that time all rescue work had been accomplished, and she continued on to New York Harbor. Evidently she had used her wireless, for we could hear low-flying planes above the fog; but we could neither see them, nor they us.

The Angelina had knifed through the MJR III just aft of the pilot house and the stricken ship lay in two sections. The stern section had the weight of the diesel and I watched it sink, first slowly revolving before going down. One second it was there, and the next, it was gone. If you have ever fished the Subway Wreck, this is it.

One of our mates (I no longer remember who) got on board the floating bow section, cut loose the anchor, and tossed us the MJR's extra manila cable and we made it fast to our stern and attempted to tow the wreck if we could.

But it was hopeless. The stern end, ripped completely open, was at the mercy of the swells making up from the south, and she began to yaw widely; first to starboard, then to port—back and forth, back and forth, settling deeper and deeper into the sea. Soon she began to tell on us, and our stern began to drag down and our bow to rise. The swells began to break over our decking. The towing cable was strained so tight, I could see it quiver and beads of water spring from it as the seas brought more pressure to bear.

"Axe it, boys! Axe it!" Dick shouted from the pilot house. "If she goes, she'll take us with her!"

One blow was all it took, and that hawser parted with the crack of a rifle shot. We circled the wreckage and watched for any bodies that might wash out, but there were none. Slowly she settled until only the top of her pilot house was above water. And there she stayed, her air tanks doing their job.

There were no ship-to-shore phones in those days. Nothing. And as we came abreast of the old Barren Island piers in Jamaica Bay, we called to several fishermen to have an ambulance meet us at the Canarsie shore. When we arrived a half-hour later, we had all the aid we needed.

What was left of the MJR III didn't sink that day or that night, but I understand the Coast Guard located the drifting hulk the next day and sent it to the bottom with a charge of dynamite. There was no hope of saving the bow section. All the proud fish-catching MJR III had become was a menace to navigation.

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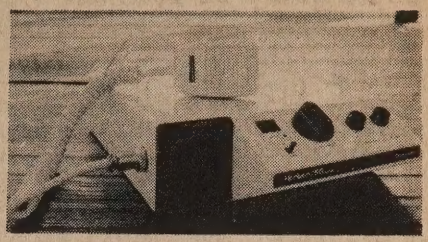

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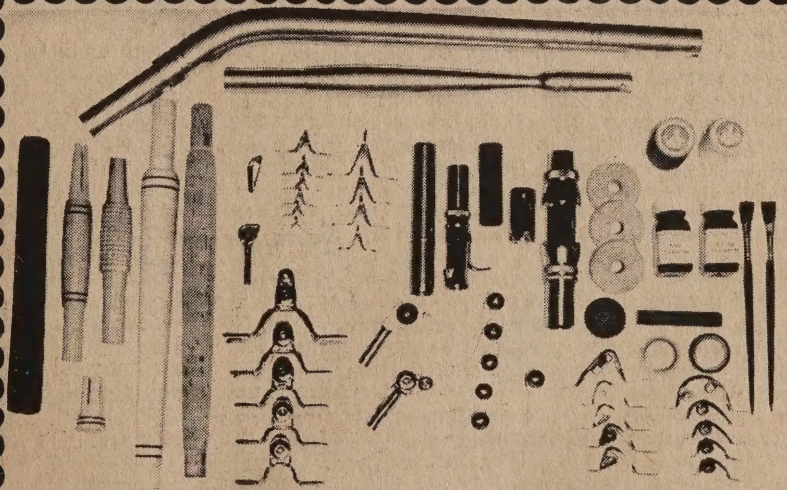

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Surf Side

with John Fritz

SURFMAN'S CARRY ALL

In all the years I have been fishing the surf, I have witnessed numerous incidents, ranging from the bizarre to the beautiful. I have seen the delighted faces of children as they proudly display their first surf-caught bluefish and I've seen grown men panic when surface-breaking fish erupt within casting distance along their stretch of beach. From the novice angler who fishes with his reel upside down, to the experienced boatman who runs his boat full tilt onto the beach on a clear moonlit night; but the one deed I see over and over which continually amazes me is to see knowledgeable surfmen entering dangerous waters with no thought for their safety. Equipped with waders, surf bag, rod and occasionally a waterproof top, these anglers will climb the slippery rocks of deep water jetties, saunter hundreds of feet off-shore on shifting sand bars, or wade the mud flats full of soft spots, holes and channels. The item in question, which costs only a few dollars, is a belt. Not the one that prevents your pants from falling down around your ankles, but one that will fit snugly around your waist over your waders and top which will hinder unwanted water from rapidly filling your boots and serving as an anchor around your legs.

This girdle could be just a simple rope tied tightly around the midriff to serve the sole purpose of slowing the entry of water below the waist should one unexpectedly find himself in deep water. The length of time water is prevented from filling your waders varies under different circumstances, but the added time this precaution will afford may very well save your life by allowing you sufficient time to regain your footing.

On the other hand, the belt could be an elaborate article of clothing adorned with the unique tools employed by the surfcasting clan. A gaff, fish stringer and a pair of pliers are the most common items worn by regular surfmen. Occasionally, you will encounter a surfman who attaches a knife or a plug bag to his belt; but most regulars try to keep the number of items down to a minimum. Personally, I feel that hanging your plug bag from the belt is a poor idea. The primary reason I feel this way is that if one finds himself in trouble in deep water, the bag cannot be readily discarded without losing the benefit of the safety factor involved by wearing the belt. When the bag fills with water, it is an added weight that must be dealt with. However, when the bag is slung over the shoulder, it can be readily slipped over the head and disposed of.

When wearing the bag attached to the belt, the logical place to carry it so that it will not hinder your casting would be to the rear of your body at the small of the back. If this is so, one must be a contortionist when a change of lures is desired. If the belt is loosely worn so that the bag can be slid around to the side of your body, the water retarding benefit is thereby lost.

When wading in deeper waters, positioning the bag over the shoulder has an additional advantage. To prevent the bag from filling with water, soaking its contents and increasing the weight of your equipment, the shoulder strap can be adjusted so that the bag rests higher on the body. This could extend your range another foot or two—which may be all that is needed to reach those offshore fish.

The thin straps normally found on these bags often causes discomfort if worn over light clothing or if the bag is heavily laden. This irritation can be lessened by widening the part of the strap which is cutting into the shoulder or by replacing the entire strap with a wider one. One sturdy replacement can be fashioned from an automobile seat belt. Heavy brass snaps with a swiveling base can be purchased at most hardware stores and sewn in place by your local shoemaker.

Most surfmen have found that Army surplus pistol belts suit their purpose quite well. When purchasing the belt make sure that all the metal parts are made of brass. The cheaper belts are made of inferior metals which will soon rust or corrode and make the belt useless. You might have to search a little more extensively and pay a buck or two extra, but the years of trouble free use you will receive from the superior product will make up for any inconvenience you encounter initially. The larger surplus stores—possibly on Manhattan's Broadway—may still have quantities of these belts as they have in the past.

While a hand gaff of your choice can be readily purchased at any tackle store, the device used to secure it safely on the belt is more difficult to come by. Last winter I described in an article published in the L.I.F., how a gaff holder made of Plexiglass can be manufactured easily enough in the home workshop. For those of you not inclined to do so, there is a gaff holder on the market which is easily slid on the belt. This plastic sheath securely locks the gaff head in place while allowing quick detachment with one hand when it is necessary to stick a fish. The sheath, gaff and coiled cord sells for under $20, and the one outlet that I am aware of that stocks this item is Johnny Krounch's in Montauk. The coiled telephone-type cord used so extensively to permit free extension while the tight coils keep the line neatly in place when the gaff is not needed, is supplied with this gaff holder.

The second important attachment found on the average surfman's belt is a fish stringer. The common stringers found in most tackle stores consisting of a series of large clips connected to a flimsy chain are unacceptable to successful surfmen who string fish on a regular basis. In the first place, they corrode rapidly after contact with salt water. In addition, the length of the chain is not sufficient to prevent strung fish from entangling the anglers' legs. The number of clips attached to the chain does not allow a large number of good sized fish to be easily strung. Also the manipulation of the clip with one hand while attempting to string a frisky teen-sized chopper in the uncertain footing encountered in a moderate surf leaves much to be desired in regard for the safety of one's fingers.

Although some anglers fashion a stringer out of heavy nylon rope, the most commonly used stringers are made of brass or stainless chain of the type employed in window frames to hold the sash weights. Ten to twelve-foot lengths of chain fitted with a brass rod on one end and a brass ring on the opposite end, to which three large stainless split rings are evenly spaced to shorten the chain when it is not in use. A brass snap ring is fastened to the belt by bolting it to a piece of brass plate which is wrapped around the pistol belt.

The brass chain most often found in the local hardware stores is made in two sizes. If at all possible, purchase the heavier chain. Although the lighter chain will contain the strung fish when their weight is buoyed up by the water, the full weight as the fish are dragged out of the water can break the chain, causing one to go scurrying about in the wash gaffing dead fish. This I know from personal experience.

After that incident, I went to the Eastern Chain Company located at 144 West 18th Street, New York City and obtained the proper strength stainless chain. Rick Stein is a fisherman himself; tell him your problem and I'm sure he'll be glad to sell you what you need. One word of advice. The greater the lengths of chain bought, the smaller the cost per foot. Talk to your friends or notify your club members that you are making, and order—the minor headaches associated with collecting money from others can put a little extra change in your pocket.

The one other useful item normally carried on a surfman's belt is the Sargent's Pliers. The placement of these pliers on the belt presents little problem as they can be readily purchased with a leather sheath which is simply slid onto the belt. Care must be taken to periodically clean and oil this tool, for while it is rust-resistant, it will rust after repeated contact with saltwater.

This handy tool can be used to cut line, disengage hooks from fish, or in an emergency, to cut off the barb of

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THE CAPTAIN'S TABLE
...From the Godfather's Cookbook
by Eileen Regina

CLAM FRITTERS A LA EILEEN

Being married to Andy Regina is not the easiest job in the world! First of all, he weighs two hundred fifty pounds—about fifty pounds too much for his slightly less than six-foot height—most of it around the middle, with enough around back where he can't see it. Although he has learned to cope with this excess weight, at times it can be too much for me to bear, and I'm constantly after him to lose weight. I argue with him about it, but can't remain angry—especially when he laughs and tells me that his weight problem is actually my fault, because he likes the way I cook.

And he loves to eat—especially Italian food, and you know how that pasta puts on the poundage. He's not too fussy though—as long as it's homemade, and I prepare it; but man can't live on tomato sauce alone, and I like a change of pace once in awhile, to break the monotony. That's why I offer this recipe today: it's strictly American, prepared the way the Pilgrims used to make it in New England, back when our country was first being colonized. They saw mounds of empty clam shells all along the coast—the result of many Indian clambakes—and proceeded to make clam fritters, which are still a favorite in New England today.

The best part about this recipe is its simplicity. You don't even have to go through all the fuss and bother of shucking and chopping fresh clams, unless you want to do so. I used canned minced clams, and quite frankly, they serve the purpose equally as well. When Andy starts to bellow like the bull he still thinks he is, that nothing can replace the taste of fresh clams, I always show him a bunch of empty clam shells I've saved for just this purpose, and he falls for it every time—hook, line and sinker, like those fish that he's always bragging about!

His fishing is something else, too. He's forever sneaking out to fish for his beloved striped bass, and he keeps his fishing log much more accurately than he does our checkbook. He'll spend an hour poring over his log; then jump up, grab his tackle and run out, like fishing was going out of style; but when he gets a ten cent discrepancy in our checking account he hands it to me to balance after he's only tried for about five minutes.

And he looks sort of funny, going down the street. There he is, a big bear of a man, carrying a tiny rod and reel that looks like a child's toy, but he says that it's more fun for him that way—and as long as he's happy, I'm happy too. It doesn't take too much to make him happy either, and most of the time he comes back with no fish, but it's never because of anything he has done—only because the fish weren't biting, or something like that. I get angry when he does catch fish, 'cause then he wakes me up to show me some five or six pound striper he's caught—and that's usually about three or four in the morning! Once he left a ten pound weakfish in the kitchen sink, then came into the bedroom to wake me up to show me the fish. Tickling my feet to wake me soon led to other things, after which we both fell asleep—forgetting all about that fish laying in the sink. You can imagine the condition of that fish by the time we got to it the next morning. Weakfish are notoriously fragile fish anyway, and should always be gutted and kept cold; and that fish lay in the heat of summer and was spoiled when we got to it, holding our noses as we wrapped it in newspaper and plastic bags to throw it out!

It's a shame to waste fish; Andy's always carrying on about the callous abuse of this natural resource, wondering how long any species can survive if left to man's unbridled gluttony. Maybe there's some truth after all, in his claims that he releases most of the fish he catches, but I tease him anyway, calling him a lousy fisherman—which gets his ears as red as the front of his shirt after he has eaten his beloved macaroni!

Before I keep rattling on about this man of mine, let's get down to the business at hand—my un-Italian recipe. If you like it and would like more recipes that don't smack of sunny Italy and shady characters, drop a line to me via this office, and I'll be happy to oblige.

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Clam Fritters

Ingredients:

2 egg yolks
3/4 cup milk
2 cups chopped fresh or canned clams, drained
2 tsps. snipped fresh chives
1 tsp. snipped fresh parsley
1⅔ cups flour
1½ tsps. salt
½ tsp. pepper
2 egg whites
Salad oil

Saute: 4 mins. Servings: 4

Beat egg yolks in medium bowl; stir in milk. Stir in clams, chives and parsley.

Combine flour, salt, and pepper. Gradually stir into egg mixture until heavy batter is formed. Beat egg whites until stiff, but not dry. Fold into clam batter.

Heat 1/4 cup of salad oil in large skillet. Using tablespoon, drop batter into skillet. Over moderately low heat, saute two minutes on each side, or until golden brown. Drain on paper towels; serve piping hot.

Andy makes a big thing out of serving the proper wine for each different dish, and frankly, wine selection is not that great a decision to make. Fish recipes call for white wines, as does white meat—such as breast of chicken or veal. Anything red, be it steak, roast beef, or tomato sauce-laced pasta, calls for red wine. With this recipe, you can't beat a cold glass of good old beer, and your choice of vegetables should be either corn-on-the-cob, or perhaps succotash. It's what I call a no-hassle dinner.

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FISH TALK
with Dr. William A. Muller

FORMING A FISHING CLUB

NOW AND AGAIN readers take a few moments to write a letter to us. We appreciate this, since it gives us a better idea of what you would like to see in **The Long Island Fisherman**. Sometimes people write and ask about some aspect of marine ecology. I get the feeling that many of our readers are reluctant to ask ecology questions, either because they are very busy or because they are afraid that their questions will appear foolish. Well, as far as foolish questions are concerned, there are no such things. One of the purposes of this publication is to get information for you. I hope that we won't disappoint you when I say that frequently—too frequently—we don't know the answers to the questions that you ask, but we have the time and research staff to get the answers—usually!

TAKE, FOR EXAMPLE, the question recently asked by Mr. Thomas J. Scalere. You know, it's a good question and I believe many of our readers will benefit from the discussion. He wrote: "For a number of years now, I have been actively engaged in the sport of saltwater fishing. We (my friends and I) feel the time has come to organize ourselves into a fishing club. We feel the opportunity to meet and exchange fishing experiences is a very worthwhile idea. I would appreciate any information you could offer regarding the initiation of such a club in my area. In questioning several recognized people in the Freeport area, it was their opinion that a letter to 'Doc' would be the best place to start."

SUCH KIND WORDS ARE EMBARRASSING, but also appreciated. Perhaps I can offer some suggestions since I have been a member of the High Hill Striper Club for a number of years, and its President for one year. Perhaps I should begin by suggesting that you don't form a fishing club. Now, I'm not trying to turn you off to the idea, but perhaps you don't realize that there are about one dozen fishing clubs already in existence in your area. If you like offshore fishing, you might want to consider joining the Freeport Tuna Club. If you have a passion for the surf, then there are the Striper Surf Club, the High Hill Striper Club, and the Farragut Striper Club. Meanwhile, there are a number of boat clubs in the area, as well as clubs that do a little fishing in the surf and from a boat, such as the Long Beach Striper Club.

IT MAY VERY WELL BE, that you have already thought about these possibilities and have decided that you would like a small group where all the guys are buddies. Great—then let's begin. You should begin by outlining your goals. Do you want a social club or a hard fishing club? If you would like to form a hard-fishing club, sooner or later, you'll get around to fishing competition. A social club will require the same elements of organization typical of a hard fishing club, but without the competition. In a hard-fishing club, do you want inter-club competition or intra-club competition? This is an important item to be considered. Why? Well, if you have a small intimate group, you might want to avoid competing among each other (intra-club competition), since the desire to outscore your friends may cause some hard feelings. Of course, a lot depends upon how mature a given group of fellas are. Competition between clubs avoids arguments, but is a little more difficult to arrange—but only a little. What you might want to do is to place a notice in **The Long Island Fisherman** under the Club News section, that your club is interested in participating in a series of tournaments and contest with other club(s).

THE CONSTITUTION and by-laws. When your group has conceived its basic goals, it's time to write up a Constitution. The following outline can be used to develop your Constitution. This outline is based upon the Constitution of the High Hill Striper Club.

Name of the Club.
Goals and/or objectives.
Membership:
1. criteria for membership.
2. Dues.
3. Definition of members in good standing.
4. Honorary membership.

Meetings—When and Where.
1. General Meeting.
2. Board of Directors
3. Annual Meeting.
4. Order of business at.

Definition of Quorum.
Officers and Responsibilities.
Board of Directors & Responsibilities.
Amendments.

The wording of the Constitution should be prepared very carefully, since this will be the document that will guide the operation of the Club throughout its existence. Thus, give some thought to subtle aspects such as the criteria for the election of officers and voting requirements. For example, what items will need a simple majority to be passed and which items will need a two-thirds vote, etc. Another question: how do you want to run your meeting? Parliamentary Procedure or free-wheeling? On the other hand, don't try to think of everything—that's what amendments are for!

AN APPLICATION. An application should be prepared for prospective members. The application should provide the prospective member with important information about his probationary stint and should elicit from the applicant information about the applicant that the club will need, such as name, address, phone number, etc.

CONTEST PARTICIPATION. You will need this for a club that will fish a lot. This document can describe both the goals and philosophy of competition in your club. It should also describe participation requirements for members and probationary members.

A PLACE TO MEET. Now, if your club will consist only of a few people, you can have your meetings in members' houses on a rotating basis. However, once your membership swells to around twelve, fifteen, or more, you'll realistically need a meeting place. Most schools will allow you to use one of their rooms, but will ask you to end your meeting by about ten or ten-thirty. There are

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times when it will be hard to hold a meeting in only two hours. Other places to look should include bars, restaurants, bowling alleys', Knights of Columbus, V.F.W. Halls, Kiwanis, Elk, Rotary, or Moose Lodges, etc. Most of these latter mentioned places will either charge a modest fee or allow you to use their facilities for free, recognizing that your members will likely pay the Club's rent at the bar.

HOW MANY MEETINGS? Although some clubs elect to have two meetings a month, most prefer just one, plus a meeting of the Board of Directors that usually precedes the meeting of the general membership.

COMMITTEES. Although fishing clubs are formed to share fishing experiences and competition, many clubs also devote considerable energy to other items. For example, a Social Affairs Committee might arrange family picnics, parties, dances, dinners, etc. An Ecology, Conservation, or Environmental Committee can coordinate the Club's participation in important environmental issues. An Entertainment Committee might arrange for speakers and films at meetings. A Public Relations Committee or officer will help to publicize the Club's activities and accomplishments. A Membership Committee will also be useful to seek out and acclimate prospective members. Last, but not least, a Fish Committee. The Fish Committee's job should be to design the contest and competition rules for the year, keep track of fish entries of members, coordinate the running and evaluation of contests, arrange for yearly awards and present those awards.

TAX EXEMPT STATUS. If you run your Club on a non-profit basis, you can apply for Tax-Exempt status for your Club through the Department of the State of New York. Be careful, investigate the rules before you open bank accounts.

ATTENTION READERS!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING MARINE FISHES OR MARINE ECOLOGY SEND THEM TO L.I.F. c/o FISH TALK.

OLD-TIMERS' CORNER
(Continued from page 7.)

is hardly likely. If radar had been available in those days, the MJR III would never have ended its fishing career in so violently a manner. I guess you might say that while the fishing may have been good in the old days, there are things today that are much better.

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If this article brings back old memories, drop me a line—20 Dogwood Road, Hampton Bays, N.Y. 11946. We'll kick it around a bit.

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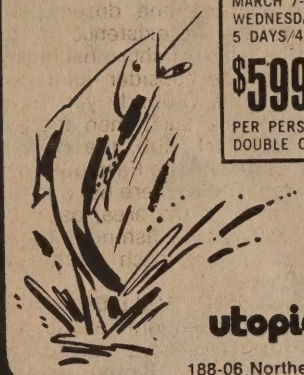

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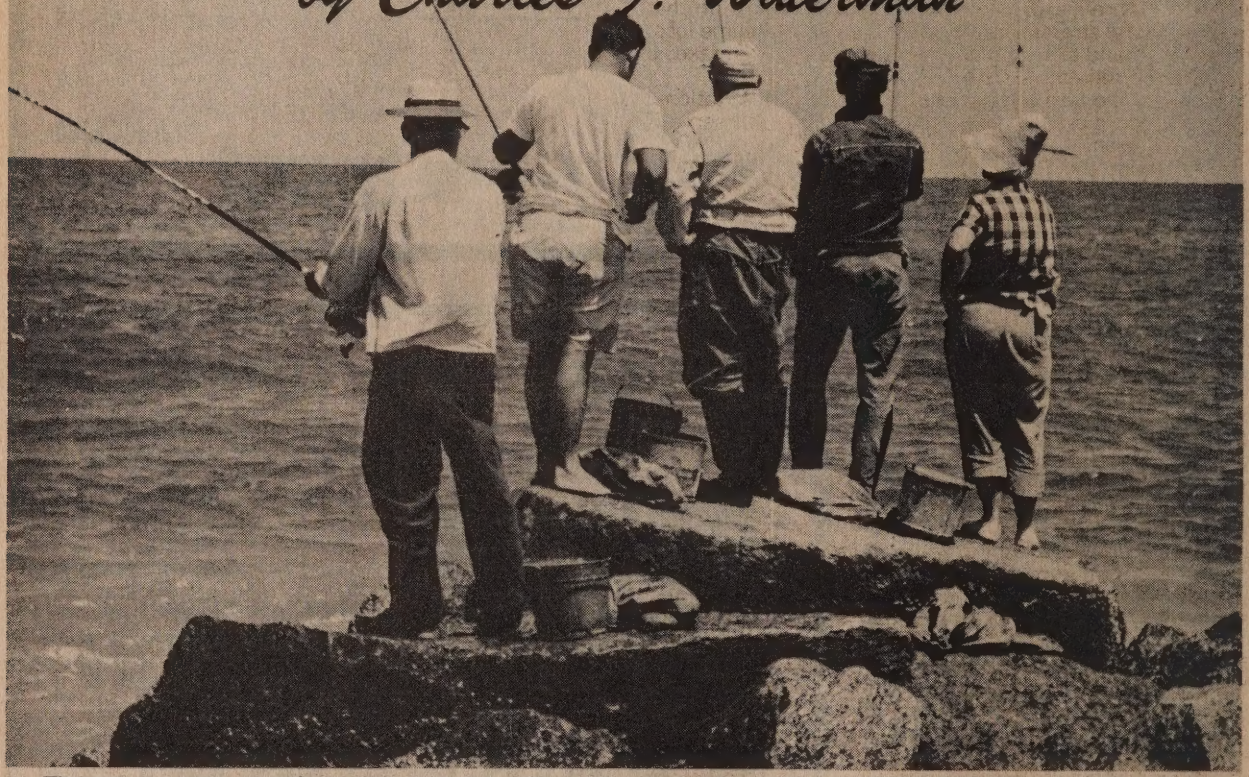

The end of a jetty sometimes gets crowded. These fishermen are catching pompano with an eye out for blues and mackerel.

I could make this more entertaining if I didn't have so much to stick into so small a space.

There's year-round fishing in Florida, but don't believe there aren't seasons. Outdoor writers telling of angling adventures tend to become reticent about time of year.

Part of this is carelessness; a little of it is ignorance, and it may be that just a little of it is public relations. Tell the world that a certain kind of fishing is compressed into a single month and a resort operator is likely to feel put upon.

If I had to pick the months to go, I'd probably start out with May as first choice, with October and June run in there close behind. Weather is least reliable in the winter months, even though some of the best fishing can come then. The tourist fisherman takes more of a gamble if he picks the tourist months.

Take the spotted sea trout. In the hot months, early morning and late evening fishing is productive on shallow, grassy flats of the Intra-Coastal Waterway and in dozens of bays, and finding the right places isn't hard. You can get a little chart and some instructions from a fish camp on either coast. If you want to do it with your own boat, with a rented skiff or wading, you can be in business minutes after your arrival. Do that on either coast. Generally speaking, the fish are more plentiful on the west side and bigger on the east. Most that go for artificials are caught with spinning gear, although the regulars who like big surface plugs prefer plugging tackle. Just make inquiries at the bait shops and fish camps.

In winter, the trout situation changes. They still catch fish, but they get them in deep holes and canals using bait or something that runs deep. Your problem now is finding the place to fish and there's a little more secrecy. Fish go in and out of the deep places with the weather and they sometimes establish a pattern known only to the regulars. You'd have to be lucky to start scoring immediately.

Trout guides specialize in bait fishing, not because it's always the most productive, but because it's the most consistent. A speckled trout takes the same lures everywhere and the Florida trout especially like rubber and plastic-tailed jigs in deep water when it's cold. One method that isn't unique to Florida, but certainly has a stronghold there is that of steady reeling of lures ordinarily considered "whip" baits—things like the lipless MirroLures and the Boone Needlefish. A lot of trout are caught on plugs reeled just below the surface and leaving a trace of wake on top. And, of course, the popping cork with suspended shrimp or live bait catches as many fish as anything.

If you want large tarpon (fish over fifty pounds), you'll be wise to get a guide. If you're looking for the little ones, you might do it on your own—especially in the canals and roadside ditches of the Everglades and the Keys. But it takes inquiry and I shudder at reports that "any south Florida ditch has baby tarpon." That's over-enthusiastic baloney. Your best bet is to keep asking. For example, there have been some baby tarpon in a canal back of a school building in New Smyrna Beach for many years and few people bother with them. If they were located near a fishing center on the Keys, they'd be pestered to death.

The best time for really big tarpon in the Florida Keys is spring, and May is about as good a month as any. Same goes for most of Everglades National Park and spring is best over around the Homosassa on the Gulf Coast, too. In a normal year there's likely to be good tarpon fishing in the Ten Thousand Island (near and in the park) beginning in very early spring; March has been a good time. Although there's excellent snook fishing to be had in that area by a total stranger, armed with a chart and some local advice he'd find big tarpon largely by chance. That takes a guide to be reliable.

One of the best things about the Everglades National Park and Keys areas is that almost any boat will serve if you use reason.

For both the Park and the Keys, you will be well equipped with medium spinning gear, a plugging rod and a heavy-duty flyrod, unless you want to work on some bottom fish or do some trolling and will then need something heavier.

Snook and tarpon are about the Keys and Everglades National Park year-round, but migratory fish are the difference between ordinary and excellent fishing. The big snook are available mainly during the summer months when they move inshore (and somewhat farther north) for spawning. In winter the good snook fishing is in the back country—some of the most entertaining angling of all—even though the fish will run somewhat smaller. With the present channel markers you needn't get lost—whether you find fish or not.

Farther up the coast from, say Fort Myers on the west and Fort Pierce on the east, the best snook fishing generally comes during summer. Tarpon, which can be found at one time or another along all Florida coasts, are usually fished in northern Florida only during the warm months.

The upper Gulf Coast is primarily a summer resort and although there may be some saltwater fishing there the year-round, the real season usually starts with runs of cobia and mackerel in spring. Cobia run on both coasts (they run inshore headed north and their return southward is little understood) will begin to show early in April most years. Unless you have some guiding, I don't recommend cobia fishing with your own boat. You can get the fish if you intercept a run, but it's very easy to be there when the cobia are somewhere else. In winter, they are caught around wrecks off southern Florida, but most of them leave in spring.

On the Gulf Coast some of the biggest cobia are caught from fishing piers and the standard equipment is a heavy spinning rod with a big jig. You cast to sighted fish as they follow the coast north. This happens in April and May, but is a very demanding kind of fishing as you need to be a good caster and be willing to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with other fishermen. It can turn into pretty hectic (and competitive) business.

Striped bass fishing in Florida is generally an up-river business. Not much is done from beaches, jetties or piers. If you're after stripers you probably have some study ahead and I certainly wouldn't recommend a short trip for them. I couldn't take you to them reliably and I've been around the Florida fishing scene for a lot of years.

Bonefish are caught year-round, with May often considered the best month. There is a popular theory that the water gets too hot for flats fishing during the hot summer months. Well, it does sometimes on a shallow, sluggish flat at midday; but I'd much rather chase bonefish in the heat of summer than at the height of the winter tourist season. Bonefish are all along the Keys, but

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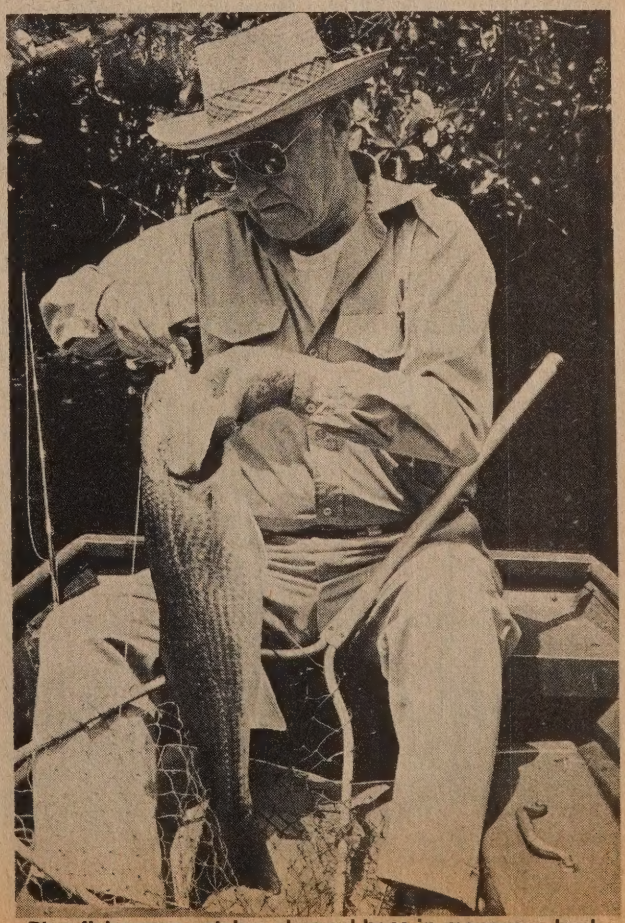
Baby tarpon comes from roadside canal in Everglades.



Plug fisherman catches channel bass in mangrove back country of Everglades National Park.

the upper end is generally best. The closer you get to Miami, the better the bonefishing and Biscayne Bay has some of the best. If the water gets colder than 70°—forget it. Oh, I know some bones are caught in colder water, but your chances are remote, especially as a tourist.

While the upper Keys are generally best for bones, the southern end is better for tarpon and usually for permit. Although there can be excellent fishing in any month, the Keys are extremely vulnerable to wind and when it begins to blow, the sheltered fishy coves are few and hard to find. Barracuda, much maligned for all sorts of reasons, are good fishing targets when nothing else seems to be moving inshore.

Waters around Flamingo at the southern tip of Everglades National Park have been noted for shallow water redfish (channel bass) and for spotted weakfish for a long time. There always have been some big tarpon around there, but in the past few years there's been a boom in chasing them with fly rods and other light tackle. I really don't know if the tarpon are more plentiful or if they've just begun to concentrate on them. Make that in spring, too. You might not find the big tarpon without help, but a rented skiff and outboard can get you to some good redfishing and trout—maybe snook.

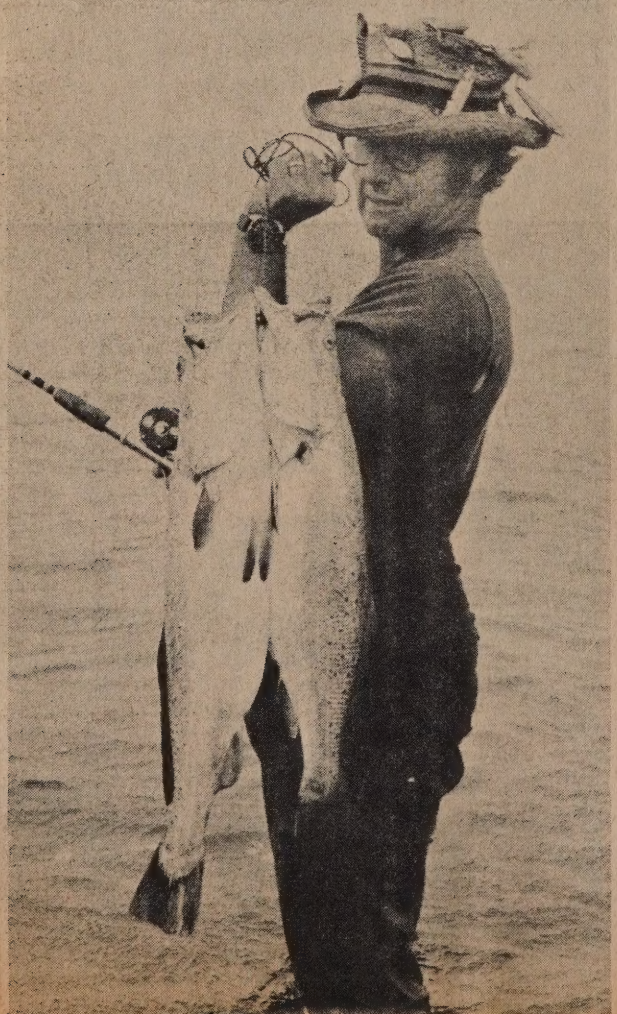
Surf fishing as it's known farther north is mighty spotty. You'll seldom see a real honest-to-gosh surf caster, even though the bluefish sometimes sweep the coasts and there are migrations of channel bass through the gentle surf. Jetties are something else, and that kind of fishing for blues and mackerel is much as it is in the north.

There is no special tackle for Florida. None of the saltwater fish demand ultra-light gear, but you need to keep it down a little for bonefish. A spinning rod that handles eight pound line and a quarter-ounce lure should be fine. The fly rod for bones should handle at least an eight line and the reel should take 150 yards of backing. I take nothing from those who use lighter stuff, but for the inexperienced, the ultra-light is a bit tougher. The same fly outfit will serve for snook and small tarpon. If you go for really big tarpon, you'll need a heavy-duty fighting reel and a tough rod that handles a ten line.

Fishing snook along the mangrove banks of the back country, I believe you'll find nothing quite as satisfactory as a free-spool plugging reel and a one-hand casting rod that takes five-eighth ounce lures comfortably. That snook fishing doesn't require an ultra-heavy fly rod—although it's nice to have one along if you need to throw a really big streamer or bug. Distance isn't necessary in shore line fishing, but delicate leaders don't belong.

The spinning rod—however desirable in most other fishing—just doesn't work quite as well as the plugging outfit in shore line raking. However, when you start fishing little jigs along shallow bottoms in more open water, nothing quite matches it.

Remember, despite the palm trees and bikinis that fill most of the ads, Florida does have seasons and the fish observe them.



Wading plugcaster of Inland Waterway shows big trout, largest over ten pounds.

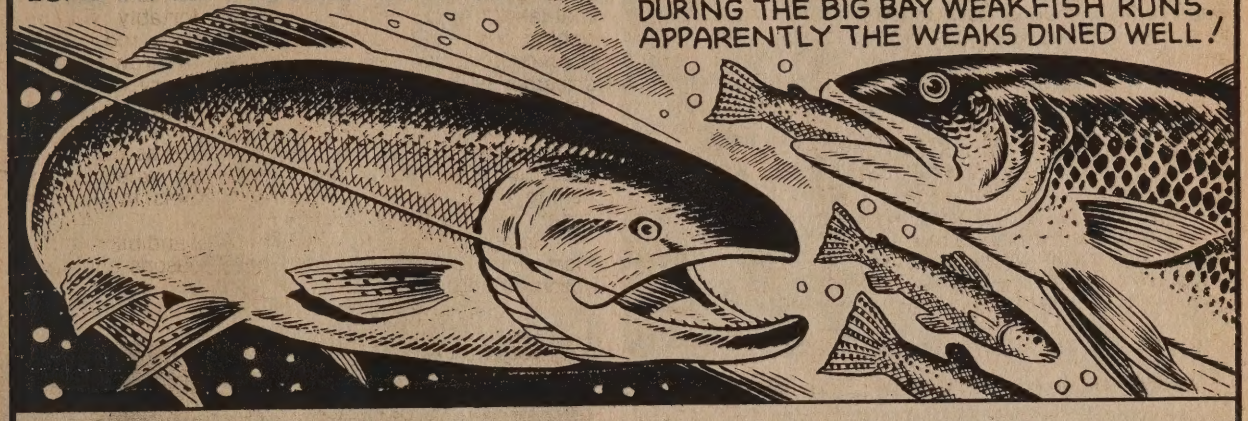
Some of the best snook fishing is at night. This fisherman is on the Gulf Coast.

FISHING NEWSBITS

BY FRED GUARDINEER

N.Y. STATE RECORD SALMON, A 41½ LB. CHINOOK SALMON FROM SALMON RIVER, PULASKI, BY F. LESCENSKI, JR. OF WILLIAMSTOWN, N.Y. ENTERED IN THE GENESEE FRESHWATER FISHING CONTEST, IT MEASURED 42 INCHES WHEN CAUGHT SEPT. '78 AND WAS 2-INCHES LONG WHEN STOCKED IN 1975!

THE N.Y. STATE DEP'T. OF ENV. CON. STOCKED 179,000 COHO SALMON AND 68,000 STEELHEAD TROUT (6-INCH FINGERLINGS) IN LONG ISLAND'S CONNETQUOT RIVER IN 1974. EXPECTED BACK IN '78, NOT A SINGLE ONE OF THESE SEA RUN FISH RETURNED. THEY MIGRATED INTO GREAT SOUTH BAY DURING THE BIG BAY WEAKFISH RUNS. APPARENTLY THE WEAKS DINED WELL!

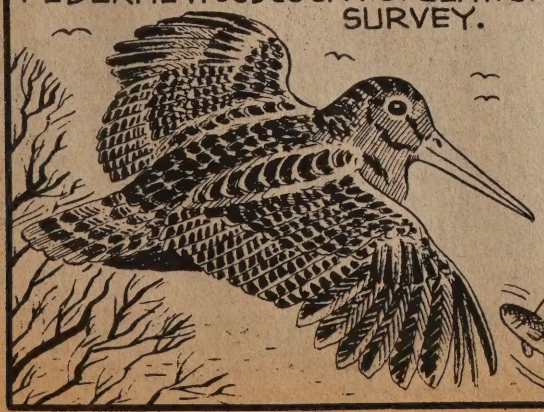


A CODFISH CAUGHT AND TAGGED OFF LONG ISLAND WAS RECAPTURED OFF MAINE AFTER 18 MONTHS AT LIBERTY.

DUSTY SMITH

NEW WORLD RECORD CODFISH, 22 LBS. 12 OZ. ON 12 LB. TEST LINE (*WOMEN'S DIVISION*) WAS TAKEN OFF MONTAUK IN '78 BY MARY A. RISTEEN.

BIRD HUNTERS IN 23 STATES DOWNED 1.5 MILLION WOODCOCK DURING THE SEASON. 2,000 HUNTERS MAILED IN 21,000 TIMBERDOODLE WINGS TO THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR A FEDERAL WOODCOCK POPULATION SURVEY.



BEST FISHING DAYS FOR JANUARY WHEN THE MOON IS BETWEEN *NEW* AND *FULL* ARE JAN. 1-13 AND JAN 28-FEB 11.

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HOW-TO SPECIAL

ROD HOLDERS FOR SMALL BOATS

Part One — Getting Started

by Dr. William A. Muller

It all started simply enough. The Long Island Fisherman was given a sixteen foot John Dory to use in local waters. We were covered at Montauk and to the south and west: plenty of boat time in all these ports. Thus, the new craft fell into my hands to use for a time in Peconic Bay.

Now, all owners of small craft are confronted with the same problem; that is, to bring along a maximum amount of equipment for fishing while having a minimum impact on fishing space. So, the anchor goes in a small compartment in the bow, close to where it will be set and secured. Bait, tools, life preservers, or spare clothing can be stored under the bench or benches—but what to do with the rods?

As I said, it was a simple enough beginning. In short, it would be a good idea to install one or two rod holders. There were several options open to us. We could buy a couple of metal tubular rod holders, purchase a small teak rack, or build one or two tubes.

What the heck! Building a few simple rod tubes might be a lot of fun as a winter project. Then I made the fatal mistake: I asked my Dad to help! No, not really; in fact, it was the only smart thing to do. My Dad, bless him, has real tool sense as well as a solid grasp of what materials to build with and how to put the stuff together. However, Dad believes that if you do something, do it right! "As long as we're making a few holders, let's make a rack of them." I started to think. In spite of my best intentions to the contrary, I always need a selection of rods, even when only flounder fishing. I'll need my usual flounder rod, a spinning rod just in case mackerel are around, and a few rods that I promised to field test. Plus, if I fish with someone else, I'd need at least a half-dozen slots. Good idea! Let's make a rack full!

The first step involves some minor planning. We wouldn't want to wind up with a white elephant. I remember one friend of the family who decided to build a cabin cruiser in his garage. You guessed it! When the boat was finished, he was left with one of only two conclusions: either the boat was too big, or the garage was too small! So it helps to plan. How big should the rack be? Measure the gunwale. Where do we want to put it? We made a mock-up and floated it about till the best spot was found. How would we attach it to the boat once we were finished? The method would depend upon the final design of the rack, the material used to make it, and the spot where we would attach it.

These first few simple steps might save a lot of grief later. The next planning step would require decisions about materials to be used. We opted for a one-by-three, thirty-six inch long piece of wood as a base. Then we decided to use PVC pipe for the rod tubes, galvanized brackets to hold the tubes against the wood base, and copper rivets to hold the clamps onto the PVC pipe. The exact and complete list of supplies is as follows:

1 x 3, 36" long pine wood—about $.45.
10 ft. 2" PVC Pipe (SCH 40) (Pipe is sold in 10-foot lengths)—about $6/10 ft.
1 pint oil base wood primer paint—$2.57
3 brass wood screws, 2", #12 or #14 flathead—$.54
12 copper rivets, 1/8 x 5/16—about $1.
12, 2" galvanized pipe clamps about 12 to 35 cents each—$1.44-$4.20
24 brass wood screws, #10 or #12, 3/4" long—$1.50
1 large spray can of metal primer—$2.79-$3.50
long curing Epoxy glue—about $2
Approximate Total Cost—$19.88-$24.55 (the exact price will depend upon the brand purchased and the store where purchased.)

Begin with the wood. Bevel the edges with a rasp and then finish the wood with a wood file and sandpaper. Use medium sandpaper first and then fine grain. The wood should be as smooth as possible so that it will accept the paint readily with a minimum number of coats.

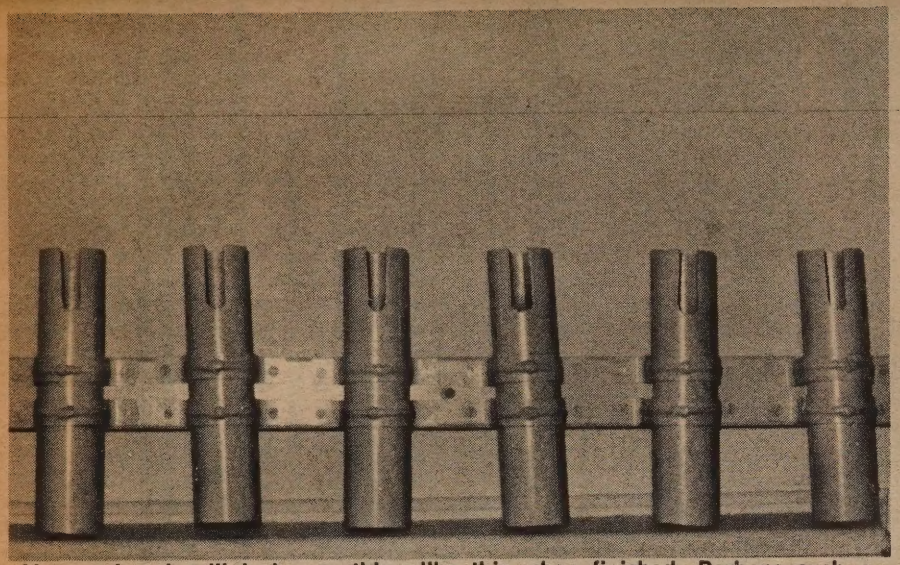
Second, cut the PVC pipe into ten-inch lengths. We found the PVC pipe available in ten-foot lengths. Our finished rack with six, ten-inch sections meant that we had five feet of pipe left-over, but we found that the leftover piece became a terrific rod holder to keep the line above the high surf on the South Shore. However, other skippers, with larger boats, may elect to add additional sections of pipe to the rack.

Now measure two inches down on one end of each section of pipe; drill a hole at that point. Cut a one-inch slot from the end of the pipe section to the hole that we previously drilled using a Sabre saw (jigsaw). Make two cuts and the slot should fall away. The slot will accept the stem of a spinning reel holding the rod and reel firmly in place and will also accept the handle of a conventional reel, preventing the rod and reel from bouncing in the holder.

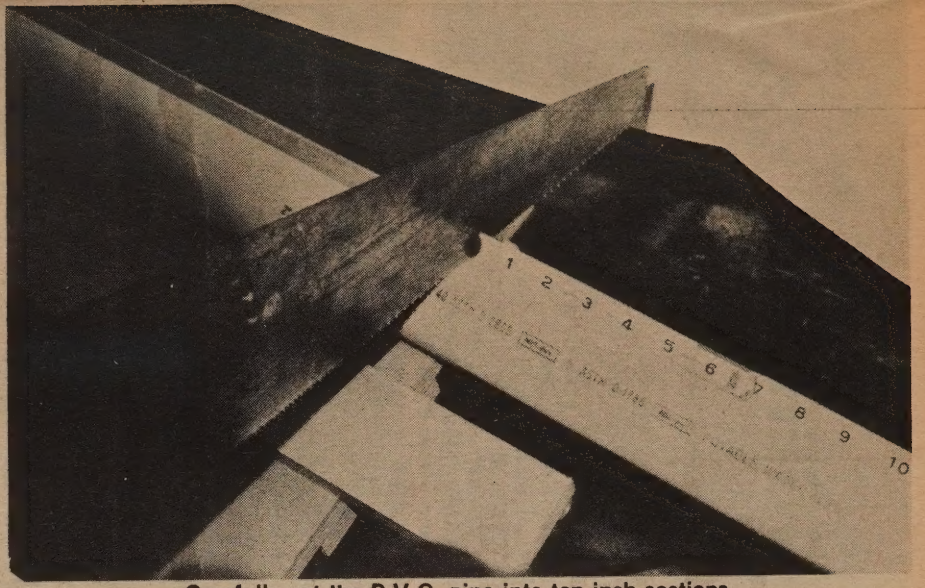
We decided upon two-inch diameter PVC pipe in order to be certain that our rack would accept any tackle from the largest surf reel to the smallest ultra-light. Although a smaller one-inch pipe would be fine for most small spinning reels and boat tackle, it seems that sooner or later we pack aboard a wire line outfit, a heavy-duty surf reel for dealing with surface feeding alligator blues, or an over-sized landing net.

Use a file to remove the plastic burr on the pipe that results from sawing and cutting the pipe.

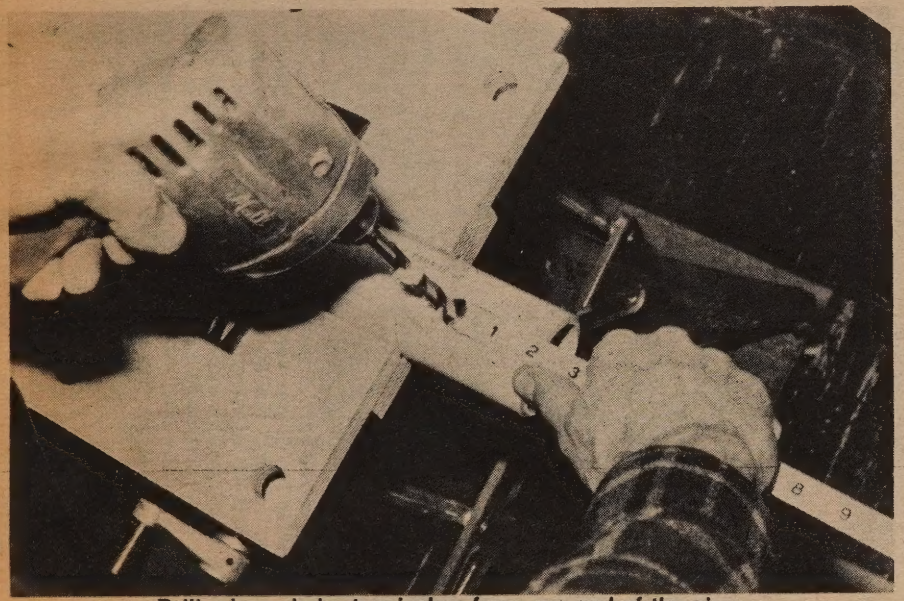
Next Week: Pt. II—Getting the pipe sections ready for the rack.



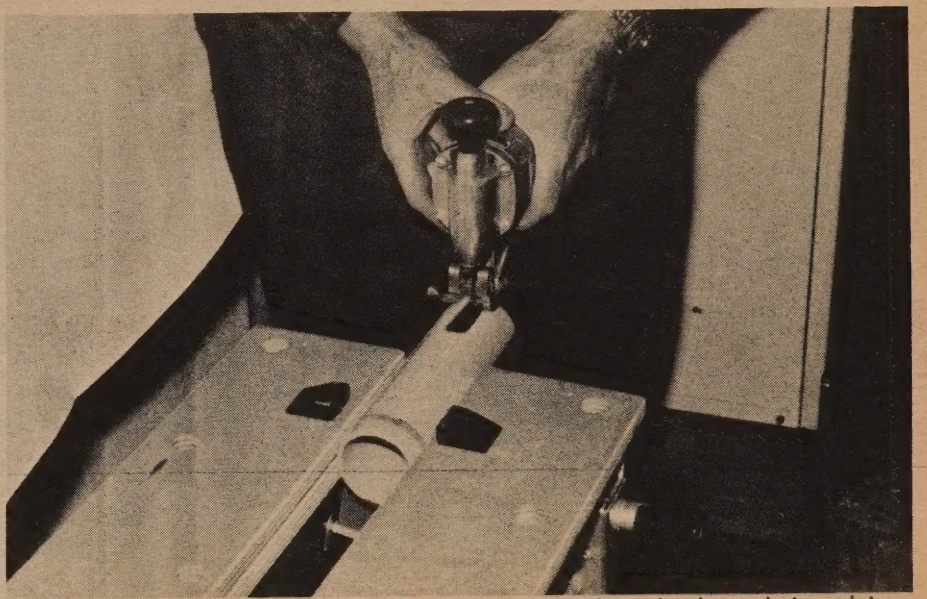
Your rod rack will look something like this when finished. Perhaps such a contraption would be good on your boat. . . let's get started.



Carefully cut the P.V.C. pipe into ten inch sections.



Drill a large hole, two inches from one end of the pipe.



Make two cuts towards the drilled hole with a jigsaw to make the reel stem slot.

HOW-TO SPECIAL FEATURE

DOWNRIGGERS

In this Corner: *Joe LaCava*

Among the various fishing techniques used today, trolling appears to be a favorite. It usually necessitates the use of one fisherperson to spend most of his/her time tending to the boat handling, but it does enable you to cover large areas during the day.

During my initial experiences with trolling, I quickly realized the difficulties often involved with the use of wire lines, Dacron-covered lead lines and planers. Use of wire and lead lines preclude reaching greater depths and almost always required reeling in some hundreds of yards of line with painful care. Planers allowed greater depth with the use of shorter monofilament lines, but nearly always malfunctioned. Either they tripped from a reason other than strike or failed to trip when you wanted to—as when retrieving. It was apparent that something better was needed—the DOWNRIGGER.

Downriggers, manufactured by several leading equipment manufacturers, are beautiful equipment. Many models are available with footage counters and electric motor drives. However, they are expensive and since I'm basically cheap, I hate to buy anything that could be made far more inexpensively.

The following scheme will allow you to make a downrigger for approximately one-third the price or less of a store bought model.

The basic components of a Downrigger are: **A.** Mounting Adapter; **B.** Boom; **C.** Pulley Assembly; **D.** Cranking Device, and **E.** Trolling weight and line. To make this Downrigger, the following items are required:

1. Two-and-a-half feet of aluminum or stainless tubing approximately 1-1/6" inside diameter for use as the mounting adapter.
2. Two feet of aluminum or stainless tubing, approximately one inch outside diameter for use as the Boom assembly.

Note: If these diameters are unavailable to you, any comparable size that will fit into each other may be used.

3. Two stainless steel bolts and nuts. Size: 3/16"x1½".
4. One stainless steel bolt and wing nut. Size: ¼x1½".

This material is available in almost any local hardware store.

Tool List:

1. Drill motor and 3/16" and ¼" drills
2. File
3. Hacksaw
4. Screwdriver
5. Vise
6. Propane torch or equivalent

A. Mounting Adapter [Photo A]

As you can see by the photo, the adapter will allow you to place your downrigger in any pole holder at any location on your boat. This, you will find, is not only convenient but makes it easy to install and remove.

The adapter must be bent at its middle to approximately 45°, to give the best all-around combination of mounting arrangements. If you can do this on a pipe-bending machine—great; if not, try the following procedure. Using item #1 in material list, stuff a rag or wood plug in one end of the tubing and fill the tube with sand or dirt, packing it as you go. Then close up the other end by the same method and tape over each end. This prevents the tube from collapsing on the inside radius during bending. Mount the prepared tube in a vise and with the torch, heat its middle area. Slowly as you are heating the tubing, bend to the angle desired. A smooth bend is difficult; however, it isn't really required. Please take the necessary safety precautions when working with the torch.

After cooling the tubing, notch the lower end for mounting in the pole holders. The attempt is to make it like a butt gimbal, with four notches, ninety degrees apart, in line and perpendicular to the axis of the adapter. This is done easily with the side of a file. The notch should be approximately ½" deep by ¼" wide.

At the opposite leg, in the horizontal and vertical axis of the adapter, drill four ¼" holes approximately four inches from the end. As you will later see, these will allow for various mounting directions and angles.

B. Boom [Photo B1 & B2]

Using item #2 in the material list, cut a slot at one end with the hacksaw, approximately 2½" long by 1/2" wide. This is where the pulley assembly will be mounted. Then drill a /14" hole three-quarter inches from the end of the boom for the pulley shaft.

Now slide the boom into the mounting adapter, with the slot in a vertical position and in the same plane as the axis of the adapter.

By using the upper vertical ¼" hole in the adapter as a guide, drill a ¼" hole completely through the boom and out the lower adapter hole.

Insert the bolt and wing nut (item #4 in material list) completely through the adapter and boom. Rotating the boom within the adapter gives several mounting positions.

C. Pulley Assembly [Photo C1 and C2]

You could use a store bought pulley for this, but I elected to buy an assembly from Penn Fishing Tackle Co. Since the assembly is just perfect for this use, it's just too good not to use. The parts numbers for the assembly are:

180-600	Boom Pulley	$4.00
182-600	Boom Pulley Screw	$.50
201-600	Line Guide Bracket	$3.00
202-600	Line Guide Sleeve and Snap Ring	$2.25
205-600	Line Guide Washers (4)	$.40
208-600	Boom Pulley Nut	$.80

Mount the pulley assembly in the slot provided in the boom.

D. Cranking Device

Here I used an old Penn #85 reel with an extended handle. Any old revolving spool reel can be used that can raise approximately 7 lbs.

Note: If you buy a new reel just for this purpose, the cost savings for the project will be less attractive.

Drill a 3/16" hole in each of the mounting tangs of the reel and corresponding holes in a desirable position on the top of the boom. Try approximately 1½" and 3½" from the edge of the mounting adapter.

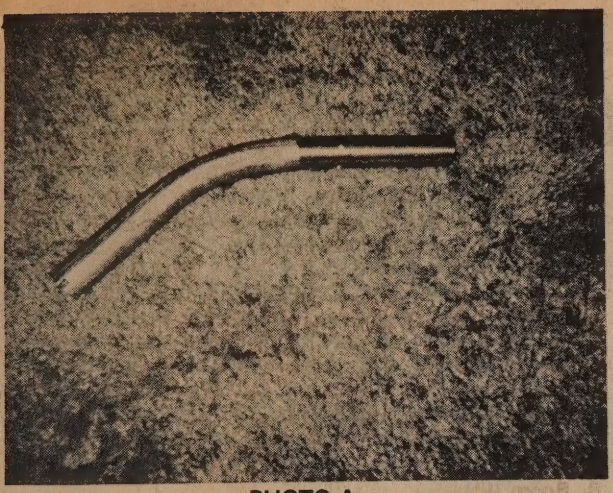
Use the bolts described in item #3 of the material list and bolt the reel to the boom.

The complete assembly is shown in Photo D.

E. Trolling Weight and Line

This item can either be fashioned from lead or bought from one of the many suppliers.

To make the weight, you'll need about 10 lbs. of plaster of paris, 7 lbs. of lead and a length of stainless wire. You will have to make a lead ball approximately 2½" in diameter for the proper weight, using a mold of plaster. The stainless wire should be first knotted and placed in the mold, to serve as an attaching clip on the top of the ball. Pour the lead using the appropriate safety precautions as mentioned in The Long Island Fisherman, Vol. 13, Issue #7.



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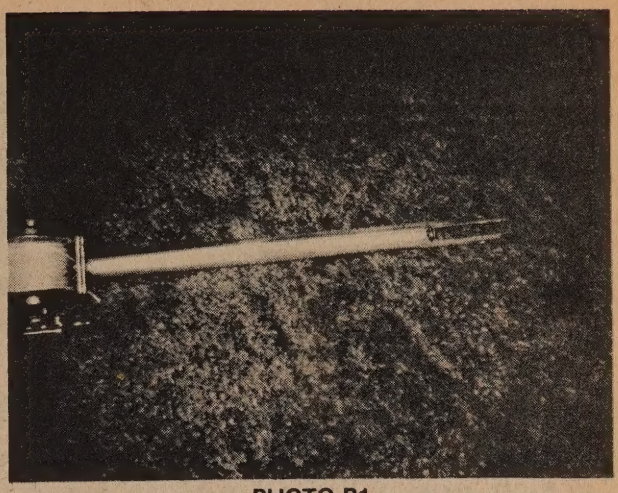

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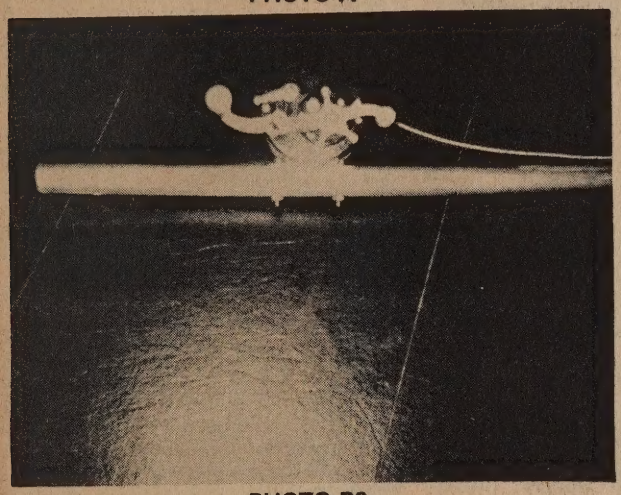

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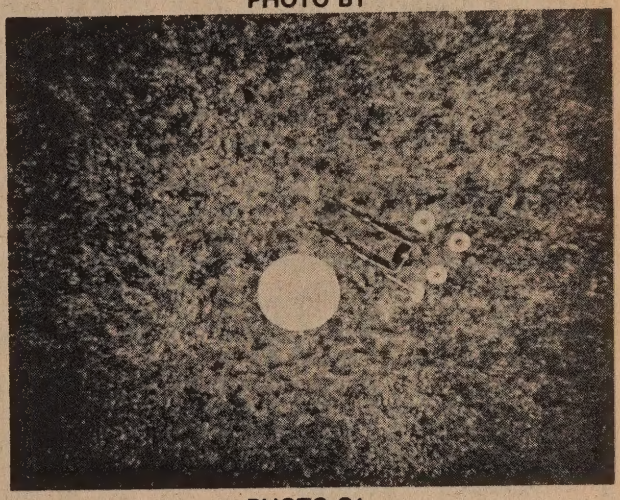

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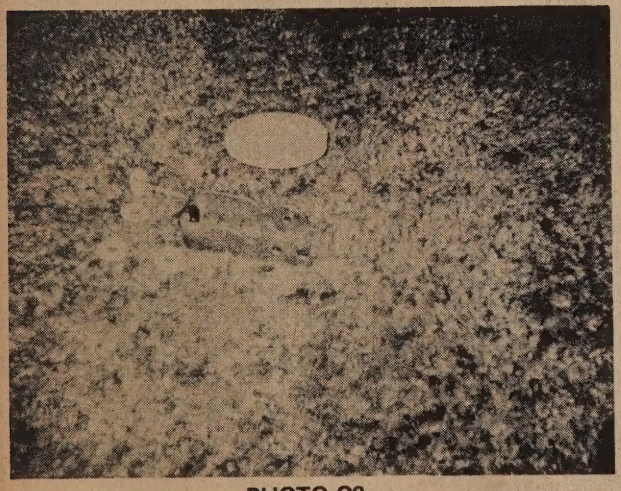

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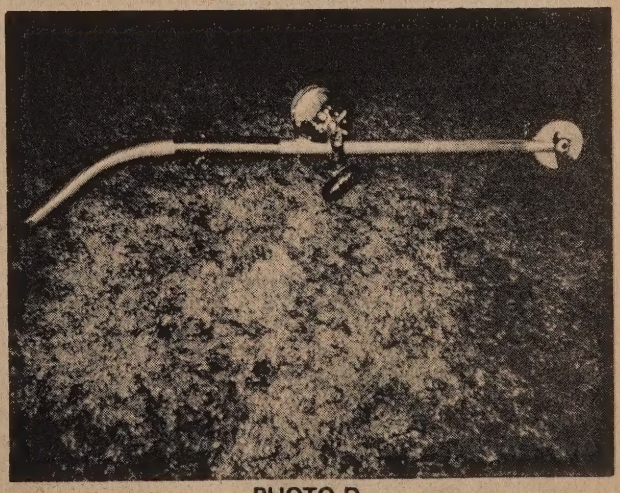

PHOTO D

If you prefer buying the weight, order part #T6AV39231 from the Sears catalog ($7.49).

Use braided stainless wire for the line, 125 lb. test approximately 200 feet long is more than you will need. Mark the line in ten-foot increments by using black or red heat shrinkable tubing.

Sears also offers a special quick release clip which is great for the job. The tension can be adjusted to one of three values. Use catalog #T6AV39208, which is three clips and costs $7.40.

A kit is also available from Sears, which includes the trolling weight, stainless line, quick release clip and two snap swivels. The number is T6AV39212 and costs $16.99.

Other uses of the Downrigger

You will probably be able to use your unit for many purposes. Some other uses are: lowering and raising a chum pot; lowering a water thermometer to determine thermoclines; lowering items to divers, and lowering a six pack to cooler water.

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ten percent excise tax on certain fishing gear to almost all such gear and additionally instituting a new three percent manufacturers' excise tax on boats not more than twenty-five feet in length, except hydroplanes, kayaks, and sailboats, and such boating equipment as outboard motors, boat trailers, portable fish finders and fishing chairs and more would be taxed at three percent. The tax would be paid by manufacturers, producers and importers on the price for which the item is sold.

Proponents estimate that the new levies would contribute an additional $102 million to the D-J Fund.

NEW BROCHURE DISPLAYS SUZUKI OUTBOARDS' LINE

The complete 1979 lineup of Suzuki outboard engines is displayed in a new, 16-page, full color brochure available from Suzuki International, according to Terry Seibert, National Sales Manager. Included in the brochure are specifications for each of the engines, which range in size from 2 h.p. to 85 h.p. models.

The brochure features Suzuki's powerful DT85 "White Lightning," an 85 h.p., three-cylinder engine which is brand-new for 1979. Also included in the line are 2 h.p.; 3.5 h.p.; 5 h.p.; 7.5 h.p.; 9.9 h.p.; 16 h.p.; 20 h.p.; 25 h.p.; 50 h.p.; and 65 h.p. models.

Key design features of all eleven Suzuki outboards are Mikuni carburetion, an oversized water cooling system and underwater exhaust. Models DT25 through DT85 exhaust at the center of the propeller, which noticeably improves power delivery, according to Seibert.

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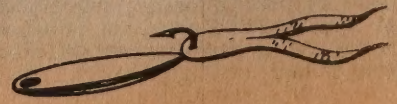

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CODFISH

The **Marlin IV** reported that Saturday's catch for 15 fares came to 55 cod up to 44 lbs. Most of the fish averaged 5 lbs. A few blackfish and whiting were also taken on the clam baits. The skipper has been working the Block Island grounds daily, but added that he is making one tilefishing trip per week. Call Captain Rade for more info.

James Kotsaros with a brace of stripers taken diamond jigging on board the charter boat "Vivienne" in November.

GREAT SOUTH BAY
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CODFISH

CAPTREE

The **Capt. Scotty** tells us that on Wednesday, his fares had over 20 cod from 20-40 lbs. Seven cod were taken the next day, 20-40 lbs. Sunday saw 10 cod in same weight range taken, along with one 12 lb. dwarf. Several lunkers were also dropped. A lot of ling and whiting are also being caught. This is all open bottom fishing. (The draggers are bagging a lot of cod, so they are there). All on clam baits. A few doggies around. Note sailing time is 6AM Sat. and Sun.; 7AM weekdays.

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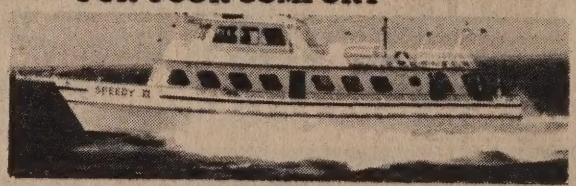

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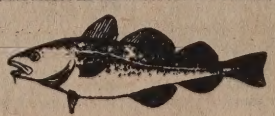

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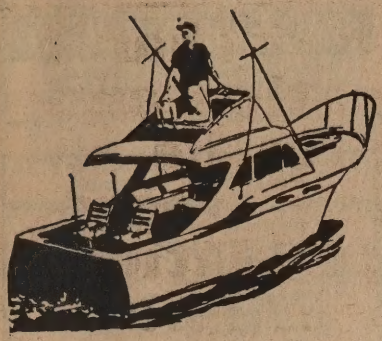

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The **Capt. Al** reported that fishing has been "hot and cold" all week. Wednesday saw between 30 and 40 cod come over the rail with several fish in the 40 lb. class included in the catch. A few blacks, whiting and ling are mixed with the cod and taking the same clam baits. Friday and Saturday nights saw good catches of nice sized whiting also on clam bait.

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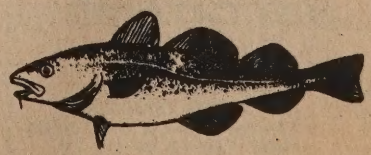

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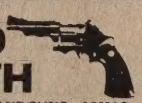

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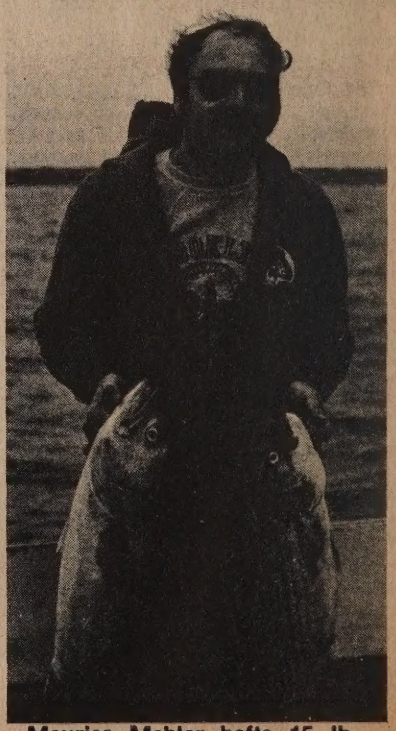

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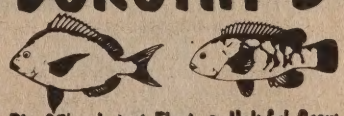
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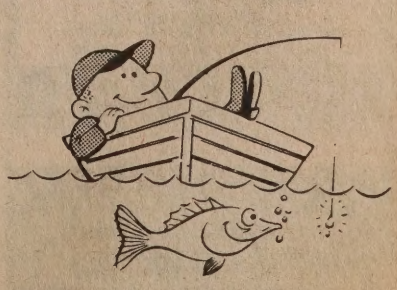
a hook embedded in human flesh. This, also, I know from personal experience.

Several other articles of use to the fisherman who pounds the beach can be carried on this outer belt. Fillet knives, bait boxes, billies or the plastic tubs used by the fly fisherman to coil his line are but a few that I can recall at the moment. While it is beneficial to have all the needed equipment at your fingertips, a compromise should be made between necessity and overloading. The lighter you travel, the less tiresome your outing will be. Remember, the longer the time spent in the water, the greater your chance of success.



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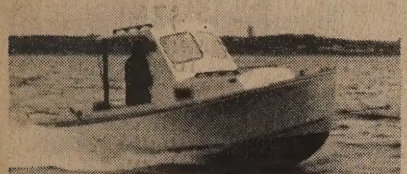

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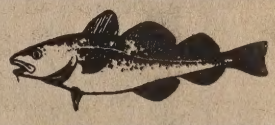

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